



Staten Island Visitor Programs

Fall 2006

September

A View from the Top

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, September 10 at 1 p.m.**

Enjoy a tour of Battery Weed and its top tier (weather permitting) for a special view of New York Harbor. Visitors will also be able to visit the newly restored turn-of-the-century lighthouse. Children will attend a storytelling/craft program with a park volunteer during the adult's tour of the lighthouse. For reservations call (718) 354-4500.

Staten Island Unit International Beach Clean-Up

**Fort Wadsworth, Miller Field and
Great Kills Park**

Saturday, September 16

See special column for details.

Salt Marsh Exploration

Great Kills Park

Education Field Station

Sunday, September 17 at 11 a.m.

Come and enjoy an afternoon walk through the salt marsh exploring the tide pools.

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

Fort Wadsworth

Historic Mont Sec House

Sunday, September 17 at 1 p.m.

Victorians loved to collect and use their new found leisure time to interact with nature. Children ages 5-12 years old are invited to join a ranger to search for and identify bugs around Mont Sec House. You will also get a peek inside Mont Sec House. For reservations call (718) 354-4500.

After-School Program

Richmondtown Library

Tuesday, September 19 at 4 p.m.

Children ages 8-11 can explore the National Park Service portable discovery station to learn about native plants and animals.

An Afternoon at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth

Historic Mont Sec House

Saturday, September 23

from noon- 3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon visit at historic Mont Sec House. View the house and learn about the lifestyle of people living during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. For reservations please call (718) 354-4500.

National Public Lands Day

Miller Field Ranger Station

Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m.

The twelfth annual National Public Lands Day provides opportunities for the public to participate in volunteering with National Park Service rangers and staff in various assignments throughout the park. Gloves will be provided. For reservations call (718) 351-6970.

America's Other Civil Wars

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center

Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m.

An examination of 19th Century federal, state, territorial, and local governments' use of courts, legislation, military force, and treaties to exclude, eliminate, marginalize, and subjugate African, Asian, Indigenous, and Pacific Islands people throughout the world. For reservations call: (718) 354-4500.

Staten Island Unit Sponsors International Beach Cleanup

Saturday, September 16

Rain Date: Saturday, September 23

This is the 21st Annual International Coastal Beach Cleanup, locally sponsored by the American Littoral Society. Join the National Park Service rangers for this worldwide cleanup effort at one of the three following locations to help out. You can help make a difference at any of these neighborhood beaches that are a part of Gateway National Recreation Area.

The following are the meeting places that you can join others in this cleanup effort. Please call your site of interest for reservations.

Great Kills Park

Beach Center at 11 a.m.

Bring gloves, water, and a bag lunch. Please call (718) 987-6790 for more information.

Miller Field Beach

Meet at Veteran's Circle at 11 a.m.

Gloves will be provided. Bring a water bottle. Please call (718) 351-6970 for more information.

Fort Wadsworth

Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m.

Gloves and materials will be provided. Please call (718) 354-4500 for more information.

**Gateway NRA
Staten Island Unit
210 New York Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10305**

**Fort Wadsworth
(718) 354 – 4500**

The visitor center is open
Wednesday through Sunday from
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ranger led tours
of the fortifications are conducted
Wednesday through Sunday at
2:30 p.m.

**Great Kills Park
(718) 987 – 6790**

The ranger station is open Friday
through Monday from 9 a.m. to
4:30 p.m.

**Miller Field
(718) 351– 6970**

The ranger station is open daily from
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Permits

Fishing and Bird Watching/Nature
Study Parking permits are available
for the 2005 season at Fort
Wadsworth, Miller Field and Great
Kills Park.

Boat Launch Permits are issued at
Great Kills Park only.

Call (718) 987-6790 for more
information.

**For information on programs at
other units of Gateway NRA,
contact:**

**Jamaica Bay Unit, New York
(718) 338 – 3338, extension 224**

**Sandy Hook Unit, New Jersey
(732) 872 - 5970**

www.nps.gov/gate

**Gateway NRA
Office of Communications and
Public Affairs
(718) 354 - 4606**

**Programs are subject to change
due to weather or other concerns.
Please call the park before
attending.**

October

Russian Tour of Fort Wadsworth

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, October 1 at 1 p.m.**

Rich in history and natural beauty,
Fort Wadsworth affords visitors the
opportunity to observe an important
part of our nation's history while
offering views of New York Harbor.
Join National Park ranger, Lana
Merzlyakov for a tour of historic
Fort Wadsworth in Russian. For
reservations call (718) 354-4500.

Open House New York Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center Saturday, October 7

Time: to be announced
Mark your calendars for the fourth
annual Open House New York
Weekend on Saturday and Sunday
October 7 & 8. Open House New
York celebrates New York City's
architecture through an annual
program of public access to
significant buildings and sites in all
five boroughs. We will be offering
"Three Forts on a Shoestring" with
scheduled visits/tours at Fort
Wadsworth, Fort Schuyler and Fort
Totten as part of this daylong event.
There is no cost for this program.
Please visit (www.ohny.org) to
confirm details on all city events. For
"Three Forts on a Shoestring" call
(718) 354-4500 for reservations.

Monarch Migration

Great Kills Park

Beach Center

Sunday, October 8 at 1 p.m.

Enjoy an early autumn walk through
Great Kills Park to witness the
migration of the beautiful monarch
butterfly.

Fifth Annual Staten Island Unit Photography Contest

Amateur photographers are invited to
participate in this annual photography
contest. Subject matter is limited to
the natural, cultural, and recreational
resources of **Fort Wadsworth, Great
Kills Park and World War Veterans
Park at Miller Field.**

Images may include historic buildings,
fortifications and scenic landscapes,
as well as plants and wildlife in the
natural environment.

Print size requirements are 8x10, 8x13,
or 11x14. Do not mat, mount or frame
the prints. Photographer's name,
contact information and location of
the photo must be written on the back
of each print. **Children are
encouraged to enter in a special 14
and under category. For the first
time interested high school students
will also have their own contest.**
Submission Deadline: November 27.
No more than three photos submitted
from each photographer.

All photos should be sent to:

Staten Island Unit Photography Contest
Gateway National Recreation Area
210 New York Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10305
Attention: Steve Salgo

**Winning photographs will go on
temporary exhibit at the Fort
Wadsworth Visitor Center
in winter 2007**

Call the Fort Wadsworth Visitor
Center at (718) 354-4500 or 4556 for
additional information.

Photography Seminar

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, October 22 at 1 p.m.**

This seminar will aid the amateur
photographer with helpful hints for
expressing nature's bounties through
still life photography. Rules and
regulations will be discussed for the
Fifth Annual Staten Island Unit
Photography Contest. For
reservations call (718) 354-4500.

The Buffalo Soldiers

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 14 1:30 p.m.
2006 is the 140th anniversary of the creation of the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and 24th and 25th Infantry regiments of the US Army. Buffalo Soldiers protected our early national parks, and distinguished themselves through decades of service. Reservations may be made at 718-354-4500

After-School Program

Richmondtown Library
Tuesday, October 17 at 4 p.m.
See September 19 listing.

An Afternoon at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth
Historic Mont Sec House
Saturday, October 21
from noon – 3 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon visit at historic Mont Sec House. View the house and learn about the lifestyle of people living during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. For reservations please call (718) 354-4500.

Planting Project

Great Kills Park
Education Field Station
Sunday, October 22 at 10 a.m.
Volunteer to help restore a habitat in Great Kills Park. Work with the National Park Service staff in planting a variety of native species. Please bring a pair of work gloves. Tools will be provided.

Swamp White Oak Forest- Chronicles of Fall

Miller Field
Swamp White Oak Building 4
Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m.
An expedition through the woods: drawing, photographing and recording your “notable” findings in a hand-made journal. For reservations and a parking permit call (718) 351-6970.

American Terrorism

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m.
From the late 1700s, various forms of terrorism have been used in the United States to achieve economic, political, and social ends. Some examples will be discussed. For reservations please call (718) 354-4500

Halloween Style Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by lantern light. Bring a flashlight. For reservations please call (718) 354-4500.
(Note: space is limited-reserve early)

Campfire on the Beach

Miller Field Beach
Saturday, October 28 at 7 p.m.
Join park rangers, guest storytellers and singers for an evening around a roaring campfire. Bring a blanket and a flashlight. All ages are welcome.

November

Fall Arts and Crafts

Miller Field Ranger Station
Sunday, November 5 at noon
Join a National Park ranger for an afternoon of arts and craft activities. All materials will be provided and all ages are welcome. For reservations please call (718) 351-6970.

An Afternoon at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth
Historic Mont Sec House
Saturday, November 18
from noon – 3 p.m.
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Waterfowl Walk

Great Kills Park
Education Field Station
Sunday, November 19 at 1 p.m.
Come see and learn about the waterfowl that winter in Great Kills Harbor. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars.

After-School Program

Richmondtown Library
Tuesday, November 28 at 4 p.m.
See September 19 listing.

Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Thursday, November 30 at 6 p.m.
Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by lantern light. Bring a flashlight. For reservations call (718) 354-4500.
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Staten Island Unit Junior Ranger Program

The Staten Island Unit Junior Ranger Program is self-guided and available year-round. Children ages 7 to 12 years can participate by picking up a free booklet at the Great Kills Park Ranger Station, the Miller Field Ranger Station or the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center. The booklet, “National Park Adventure for Junior Rangers,” contains self-guided and ranger-led activities that must be completed at all three of the Staten Island Unit’s sites. For more information call: (718) 987-6790.

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for special places saved by the
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Great Kills Park Osprey on a Platform with their offspring.